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NATIONAL POLICY FOR FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give more powers and rights to the Panchayats under the National Policy for Farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): The National Policy for Farmers, 2007 envisages according centrality to Panchayats in addressing the problems of the farmers. The Policy also provides that the Government of India would support State Governments for devolution of functions and functionaries for empowering the Panchayats.